

Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for October 14th, 2020

The October 2020 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Scott Schultz, and Scott Fontaine. Also in attendance were; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman, and Floyd Shaffer Community & Recreation Center Director.

October 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Mary Beth Meehan at 7:34pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Brooks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Scott Schultz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Long of 329 Abbey Lane, North Wales 19446 was present. He expressed some concerns regarding Hour Glass Park. Mr. Long indicated that he had been a resident of the neighborhood since 1988. There is a group of young adults that are regulars in the park playing games of football/soccer. Mr. Young indicated that the individuals involved are leaving, trash, using inappropriate language, and leaving various athletic equipment on site. The incidents described have occurred on the weekends over the last 3 to 5 years.

Following several questions from the Board, Mr. Shaffer indicated that he would look into the situation over the next few weeks and report back to the Committee.

PARK ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A conversation regarding the new Disc Golf course located on the Henning's portion of Windelstrae.
- Usage of the 4 outdoor pickle ball courts at Spring Valley Park was discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Reiff commented on the construction progress at Friendship Park. He indicated that the contractor is awaiting delivery of pavilion and playground pieces to arrive. He also indicated that an Eagles Scout project had been completed near the baseball fields at Windlestrae. The project involved placing fencing near the walking trail adjacent to the Charlie Hull field.

The September Parks Department update was distributed to the Committee members.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer briefly discussed ongoing and upcoming recreation programs/activities. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on all recreation activity in the Township since March. The Board was provided with a copy of the September Recreation update.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Linda Brooks and Mary Beth Meehan shared a recap of their presentation to the Board of Commissions on September 14th. They indicated that the Commissioners were receptive to their proposal of constructing a new Dog Park in the area of the Knapp Road trailhead of the 202 Parkway Trail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Meehan and second by Mr. Fontaine, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

<u>The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday November 11th,</u> <u>2020 at 7:30PM.</u>

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director